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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicant(s) hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated March 29, 2007 finally rejecting Claims 58-69 of the above-identified application.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

- 1. \square A three-month extension of time to respond to the final rejection was filed on even date.
- 2. \square A Petition For Extension Of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 is attached hereto.
- 3.

 A timely response to the final rejection has been filed.
- - Not required (fee paid in prior appeal)
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 - The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. our Deposit Account on the attached fee sheet.

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